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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully submit my comments in response to the NPRM WC Docket No. 13-184 released on July 9, 2019. My district is a small rural Arkansas district with an enrollment with an enrollment of approximately 800 students and a Category 2 budget discount rate of 85% with an annual operating budget of just over \$2,000,000.

The financial challenges for my district are so great, without E-rate funds to supplement minimal technology budgets, our students will continue to lag behind other students throughout the country.

I urge you to continue funding Category 2 projects as well as a full reset of the Category 2 budget every 5 years. Additionally, an increase in the per pupil funding is greatly needed. It's also important to provide funds district-wide instead of based on each campus enrollment. A district-wide formula will allow the school district to apply our funds to our schools with the greatest need. We strive for equity at each of campuses. Continuing the current scenario, we would have to use more of the operating budget for enough infrastructure, thereby, reducing funds available for other student resources.

I hope you choose to continue to support the E-Rate C2 program supporting critical infrastructure for our students.

Sincerely,  
Shane Lively  
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